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effect that they had been elected honorary members of the *Accademia fisico-chimica Italiana*, of Palermo, Italy. Each notice was accompanied by a complimentary reference to the man's scientific achievements and the request that he would send his photograph and a copy of some of his works for the library of the academy. The notice was also accompanied by a copy of the by-laws, from which it was seen that persons elected to honorary membership were expected to pay \$5 for clerical expenses of the certificate of membership, etc., and an additional sum for the engraving of the medal sent to each honorary member. The *Ztschr. f. aertz, Fortbildung*, in a recent issue, states that similar notices have been sent to numerous prominent physicians in Europe, but that inquiry in Italy brings word that 'the so-called academy is not an institution founded for scientific purposes, but consists of more or less obscure elements who under this title devote themselves to personal and material aims.' The Berlin professor whose name figures on the prospectus of the 'academy' declares that he knows nothing at all of such an institution and that the use of his name is unwarranted. Our exchange adds that a number of physicians at home and abroad forwarded the money, etc., asked for by this 'pseudoacademy in this ingenious money-making scheme.'"

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE state legislature has passed measures providing for the development of the University of Wisconsin in three important directions. It has authorized the establishment of a college of medicine prepared to give the first two years of preclinical training. An appropriation of \$20,000 annually has been made for the development of the department of university extension, which includes a correspondence branch. The sum of \$100,000 per annum for four years has been appropriated for the erection of a woman's building and gymnasium, and the construction of the first of a system of dormitories and commons for both men and women. In addition the legislature continued for two years more the present

building fund of \$200,000 per annum, which will be used to erect buildings for biology and the allied departments of pathology, physiology and bacteriology; for horse-breeding and veterinary science, and for the addition of a wing to the engineering building.

AT the recent meeting of the board of trustees of the University of Alabama the erection of the following buildings was authorized: A central heating, lighting and pumping station, an engineering building and a building for the geological museum and the schools of geology and biology. The cornerstone of the museum building was laid May 28, the address on this occasion being delivered by Governor Braxton Bragg Comer. The building is to be known as the Eugene A. Smith Hall in honor of the services rendered during many years to the university and to the state by Dr. Eugene A. Smith, professor of mineralogy and geology and the state geologist of Alabama.

THE new medical college of the University of Manila, which will be opened early in September, will pay special attention to tropical diseases. The Philippine government has appropriated \$62,500 for the expenses of the first year of the institution.

GENERAL WM. J. PALMER has given the Engineering School of Colorado College, in Colorado Springs, the sum of \$12,000, to be expended immediately on additional equipment in the engineering laboratories for senior work.

THE late Mr. Basil McCrea has left £75,000 to Magee College, Londonderry, for the erection of residences for the professors, the further endowment of the existing chairs, and the foundation of scholarships.

UPON the recommendation of the faculty of the college of applied science, the board of regents of the State University of Iowa has determined that the degree to be given to graduates in engineering shall hereafter be bachelor of engineering. Twenty-one graduates this year received the several degrees of bachelor of science in civil engineering, in electrical engineering, in mechanical engineering and in forest engineering.

At the commencement exercises of the university of Nebraska, June 13, degrees were conferred as follows: Bachelor of arts, 147; bachelor of science, 44; bachelor of laws, 33; master of arts, 15; electrical engineer, 1; mechanical engineer, 1; doctor of philosophy, 3. Of the bachelors of science, 17 were in electrical engineering, 10 in civil engineering, 2 in mechanical engineering, 2 in agriculture, 1 in forestry, and 12 in general science. Of those taking the master's degree 6 were in science (botany 3, chemistry 2, zoology 1), 3 in education, 3 in literature, and 3 in language. Two of the doctors of philosophy were biological students, one taking zoology as the major, with botany as the minor, while the second took botany as the major, with zoology as the minor. The third doctorate was conferred for work in ethics (major) and metaphysics (minor). Arrangements have been made for formal closing exercises at the end of the University of Nebraska Summer School on July 26, at which time degrees will be conferred upon such university students as have completed their work, whether in undergraduate or graduate courses. Fourteen students have announced themselves as candidates for degrees at this time. This arrangement makes it possible for candidates to come up for degrees in June (at the annual commencement), July (Summer School Closing Exercises), or in February (midwinter commencement).

DR. B. H. RAYMOND has resigned the presidency of Wesleyan University. A chair of bible study has been established for him.

DR. GEORGE SANTAYANA, assistant professor of philosophy at Harvard University, has been appointed professor of philosophy.

DR. OTTO FOLIN, research chemist at the McLean Hospital, has been appointed associate professor of biological chemistry in the Harvard Medical School.

DR. W. M. MUNSON, for more than fifteen years professor of horticulture and horticulturist of the experiment station at the University of Maine, has resigned to accept a similar position at the University of West Virginia.

MR. L. E. MOORE, instructor in theoretical and applied mechanics, University of Illinois, has been appointed assistant professor of civil engineering in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Professor F. P. McKibben. Mr. Moore graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1900 in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. He studied structural engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has been teaching mechanics and structures since 1903 in the University of Wisconsin and the University of Illinois. He has had practical experience on the Illinois Central Railroad and also with the Phoenix Bridge Company, and other concerns.

MESSRS. G. L. HOSMER, C. B. Breed, and George E. Russell have been promoted to be assistant professors in civil engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Messrs. Hosmer and Breed are the authors of a text-book of surveying published a year ago by Messrs. Wiley.

DR. J. CARLETON BELL, Ph.D. (Harvard), instructor in experimental psychology, Wellesley College, has been appointed to take charge of the new psychological laboratory in the Brooklyn Training School for Teachers.

MISS HELEN D. COOK, this year fellow in philosophy and psychology, Wellesley College, has been awarded the Alice Freeman Palmer fellowship.

DR. PAUL CLEMENTS, of Maury County, who has been serving as surgeon in the Philippines, has been elected to a professorship in the University of Manila and will sail for that place September 1.

DR. R. K. MCCLUNG, who has been senior demonstrator in physics in McGill University for the past three years, has been appointed to the chair of physics in Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick. Dr. McClung is a graduate of McGill, and later of Cambridge, England, where he studied under Professor J. J. Thomson.

MR. THOMAS BARLOW WOOD, reader in agriculture at Cambridge University, has been promoted to the chair of agriculture.